

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY / COMMISSIONER,
GREATER CHENNAI CORPORATION, CHENNAI - 600 003**

PRESENT: THIRU.GAGANDEEP SINGH BEDI, IAS,

Sub: Greater Chennai Corporation - Tamil Nadu State Election Commission - Polling Personnel - Formation of Committee for Scrutiny of Election Duty exemption applications - Orders Issued.

Read: Press Release of Tamil Nadu State Election Commission, dated: 26.01.2022.

ORDER:

Vide reference 1st cited, the Tamil Nadu Election Commission has announced the date of urban local body Elections and Model code of conduct is in force. It is stated that as per Rule 13 of TamilNadu Panchayats, Municipalities and Corporations (Elections) Rules, 2006 the District Election Officer is empowered to appoint any State Government or Central Government employee as Polling Personnel.

In this regard, it is further stated that the total requirement of Polling Personnel for Chennai district is 30,000+. It is further stated that the categories of employees for whom exemption can be given by the employer are as follows,

- i) Any official to be retired within 6 months may be exempted from election related duty,
- ii) All pregnant women and lactating mothers (child less than 1 year), whether on maternity leave or not or who are otherwise on medical advice not to undertake any rigorous or hazardous work, may be exempted from election related duty,
- iii) Persons with Disabilities - Physically challenged persons with disabilities may be exempted from the election related duty,
- iv) Serious Medical Ailments such as Cancer, dialysis etc.

In this regard, in order to scrutinize and pass orders on the Polling Personnel election duty exemption requests a Committee is hereby constituted with the following members:

S. No.	Committee Details	Designation
1.	Chairman	The District Collector, Chennai and Additional District Election Officer
2.	Member - Secretary	District Revenue Officer, Chennai
3.	Member	Deputy Collector(s) of Chennai Collectorate
4.	Member	Tahsildar(s) of Chennai Collectorate

The Committee members in the cadre of Deputy Collector or Tahsildar are hereby empowered to scrutinize the Polling Personnel Election duty exemption seeking applications and can reject the applications if the reasons stated for exemption are not in consonance with the norms of the Tamil Nadu State Election Commission.

The Chairman and Member – Secretary are hereby empowered to accept the exemption request of any Polling Personnel after getting suitable alternative from the concerned department.

The specific members of the Committee in the cadre of Deputy Collectors and Tahsildar can be appointed by the District Collector.

This order takes effect forthwith.

Sd/- Gagandeep Singh Bedi
District Election Officer, and
Principal Secretary / Commissioner

To:

The Officials concerned

Copy to:

- O/o. the District Election Officer & Principal Secretary/Commissioner
- " Addl. District Election Officer & Deputy Commissioner(R&F)
- " Deputy Commissioner (Works)/ (Health)/ (Education)
- " Regional Deputy Commissioner (North)/ (Central)/ (South)
- " Assistant Commissioner (GA&P)

All Heads of Departments/ Zonal Officers
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P. Jeyan 29/01/2022
Nodal Officer for DEMP & Personal Mgt. and
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